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In re Application of: John J. Schuster et al

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TRACKING IN FREE-SPACE OPTICAL
COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in connection with the above-noted patent application, which has not yet been examined. Prior to examination, please amend the application as shown below.

In the Claims:

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Please add new claims 40-51 as shown below.

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40. (New) A method, comprising:

generating a communication signal comprising a data signal with a tracking tone superimposed thereon, the tracking tone having an amplitude;

transmitting the communication signal in a free-space optical communication system along an optical signal path from a first free-space optical terminal to a second free-space optical terminal, the second free-space optical terminal including a receiver to receive an optical signal;